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An interesting effect of wind-driven sand is noted (p. 22) as having been observed between Rimlon and Palm Springs, Cal. Here the sand-laden winds constitute a veritable sand blast. The western faces of the telegraph poles are deeply cut within two feet of the ground by the driven sand, and the employés of the railroad have found it necessary to pile up stones around the base of the poles to prevent their being cut off. A creosote bush in the lee of a small boulder had all its twigs which projected beyond the protection of the boulder killed by the sand blast, and the plant resembled a miniature box hedge about a foot and half wide, extending about four feet from the rock. R. DeC. W.

Aperçu des Résultats météorologiques de l'Hivernage antarctique de la "Belgica." Par Henryk Arctowski. 12mo. Bruxelles, 1904. pp. 41.

The meteorological results obtained on the *Belgica* expedition have already been discussed in more or less detail by M. Arctowski in various papers published in *Ciel et Terre* soon after the return of the expedition, and have been referred to in the BULLETIN. The present little volume, which is reprinted from the *Annuaire météorologique* of the Royal Observatory of Belgium for 1904, is the official summary of the results, which are presented in compact form, but with little discussion. The meteorological journal of the expedition, which has not yet been published, will, together with the papers already printed and the present report, give a complete survey of the meteorological work of the *Belgica* expedition.

R. DeC. W.

The Mystic Mid-region; the Deserts of the Southwest. By Arthur J. Burdick. With 54 illustrations. New York, G. P. Putnam's Sons, 1904. 8vo.

The region here described is from two hundred to five hundred miles wide, and from seven hundred to eight hundred miles long, and it extends fard own into Mexico. It lies largely in eastern California, in Nevada, and in the extreme western portion of Arizona.

While this country is in many respects a formidable waste, there is much that is attractive in connection with it.

The narrow and restricted lives of the desert Indian tribes—the Panamints in the north, the Mojaves in the Mojave Desert, the Yumas lower down, and the Cocopas and the Seris in the